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TELEPHONE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND MR. ED WEISEL

LBJ: I wanted to talk to you yesterday, just wanted to say I missed you -- I'm gonna talk just a few minutes to let you know that I never needed you more than I do now and I wish you'd put on your skull cap and give me your thinking in a memo now and then and tell me what you think the situation is..

EW: I'll do it right away, Lyndon. Anything you want me to do.

LBJ: Well, I know that and I want you to give that Alice a great big hug for me first -- and then, uh....

EW: Rita had a little baby.

LBJ: Oh, goodness. Isn't that wonderful ..isn't that wonderful. What is his name?

ED W: Angela.

LBJ: Angela -- a girl. That's wonderful, that's wonderful. Where is she?

EW: At the New York Hospital.

LBJ: How much did she weigh?

EW: It was a premature baby and weighed four pounds __ounces.

LBJ: Is she doing all right?

EW: Wonderful. They are both wonderful.

LBJ: Well, I'll get her a message and give her my love and in the meantime -- I'll probably have a Joint Session and if you have any thoughts on what we ought to say in uniting the country --I'd like to have it.

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EW: All right. Where shall I send it?

LBJ: I'd just send it to President Lyndon Johnson, The White House and I'll get it -- attention of Walter Jenkins. Tell me, what's your stock market doing? What are the folks saying and talking?

EW: Well, of course, it came so suddenly, it created quite a panic but I think that with you in there -- there's great confidence on the part of business and it is felt that if the legislation could be pushed a little bit -- you know -- if we could the foreign aid bill and the tax bill, well, it would mean the greatest restoration of confidence -- not restoration -- but the preservation of confidence that we can have.

LBJ: Well, maybe you can get some of them to say that --I'd try to do that -- talk to Bobby. I'd certainly indicate what you say the feeling is -- confidence -- we don't want anybody to panic.

EW: That's right. Well, they won't Lyndon, not with you there -- you know there is no concern about that.

LBJ: Well, you get some of them to say that -- you go over there to your boys and talk to them and I don't think you need to tell them but I think before the Special Session, it would be very good, to show that we're going to preserve the system.

EW: I certainly will -- I'll tell them that.

LBJ: I may -- have a lot more complications -- you know about them so -- it may lead deeper. So I think this would be very good ---O.K.

EW: O.K., Lyndon, you just let me know about anything that I can do.

LBJ: Yess, you can tell Bobby, just say that -- it's tragic -- but, confidence and experience and so and so.

EW: I'll take care of that rightaway.

LBJ: Right. Goodbye

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